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Sincerely,

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Greetings:

The following is filed in timely response to the Office Action mailed on October 5, 2006, wherein the Examiner:

1. Entered the amendments filed September 21, 2006.
2. Rejected Claims 1 and 3-4 under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Kuhns, U.S. Patent No. 6,071,053.
3. Rejected Claims 1 and 3-4 under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Ohmae, U.S. Patent No. 5,941,440.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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